

The HUB

The Official Newsletter of American Fork City



Your Efforts Helped AF Save **801,865,000** Gallons of Water This Year!

We want to extend a big “thank you” to our residents and businesses for helping American Fork conserve water! Through your efforts we saved more than 801,865,000 gallons of water this year!

As we head into fall, please be aware that pressurized irrigation will be shut off on **October 15th**. Until then, help us save even more water by limiting your irrigation cycle to one time per week as

recommended by the DWR. Exceptions such as new sod are understandable. The City will do its part by shutting down our water systems at parks beginning October 1. Though, we’ll continue to water certain fields where recreational activities are still taking place.

Thank you again to all who have made efforts to conserve water this year! Keep up the good work!

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Office Numbers

Administration	801-763-3000
Public Works.....	801-763-3060
Library.....	801-763-3070
Fitness Center.....	801-763-3080
Senior Center.....	801-763-3090

Non-Emergency

Police.....	801-763-3020
Fire & Rescue.....	801-763-3045

On-Call / After-Hour

Water/Pressurized	801-404-1253
Sewer/Storm Drain	801-404-7167
Streets	801-404-1255
Garbage	801-924-8500
Street Lights	801-814-4311



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AF HISTORY: MINING

In the late 1860's precious metals were being discovered in Utah, including American Fork Canyon. There are different versions of who discovered ore up in the canyon, but we do know that the first claim was called the Sunbeam Lode; others followed. The American Fork Mining District was organized July 21, 1870. Miller Hill Mine was discovered on Miller Hill and was one of the main mines for the district. When in its glory, Miller Hill Mine was the most profitable. American Fork Canyon had other mines that were also being worked, the largest of which were the Dutchman, Pittsburg, Silver Bell, Yankee, and the Whirlwind.

In 1871, a Mine was sold to an eastern group of businessmen called the Aspinwall Steamship Company. They had a Sultana Smelter built at Dutchman Flats in American Fork Canyon for the purpose of extracting the rich ores from the metals found at the mines, which included gold, silver, and lead. Here the town called Forest City grew in the location we now know as Mary Ellen Gulch. The needs of the workers could be met within the town having a dairy, store with supplies, sawmill, other businesses and eventually a school. Daniel Harrington stated in his autobiography, "I was also required to mount one of our workhorses twice a

week and carry the U.S. mail from town 22 miles to Forest City...". In the Jacob S. Beck biographical sketch it mentioned, "he purchased a team and wagon and commenced hauling ore from American Fork Canyon mines..."

By 1872, Aspinwall Steamship Company decided there was a need for better and faster transportation of the smelted ore, so they started to build the American Fork Railroad Company. It ran from the mouth of American Fork Canyon to the Deer Creek area, which we know today as Tibble Fork Reservoir area. They had hoped to take it all the way up to the smelter in Forest City, but the canyon being very steep and the expense prohibitive, they had to halt the railway at the Deer Creek area. Here a small town sprung up called Deer Creek City. The American Fork Railroad Company went out of business in June 1878 becoming known as the first Utah railway to go out of business.

Between 1874-76 the mines did not produce the large amounts of ore that they previously had. By 1878, the smelter was taken out of the canyon and by 1880 the towns of Forest City and Deer Creek City were abandoned. Today nearly nothing remains of the old towns.

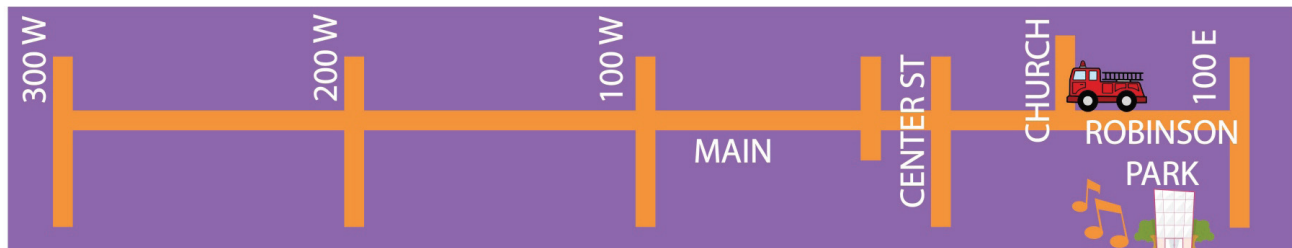


American Fork Railway up American Fork Canyon by Hanging Rock

Photos and History information from the Collections of the American Fork Daughters of Utah Pioneers Museum.

THE AMERICAN FORK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESENTS

HALLOWEEN ON MAIN



FRIDAY, OCT 29 3:30-5:30 PM

Be Prepared for 2000+ Trick or Treaters!

Businesses not on Main Street:

Visit the Chamber Website to Register for a Booth/Table at Robinson Park

QUESTIONS: E-MAIL CHAMBER@AMERICANFORK.GOV



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SERVING NORTHERN UTAH COUNTY

Talk Shop With a Cop

By Police Chief, Darren Falslev

This September we recognized the 20th Anniversary of the attacks of September 11, 2001. This was an event that permanently changed our nation and our way of life. Most of us can remember where we were, and what we were doing, as we watched the attacks play out on our television sets. I remember in the days following the attacks being called into a training room, given a biohazard suit, and told that I was being trained to respond to reports of anthrax and other biohazards. It was not something I wanted to do, but I knew that I needed to step up and do what needs to be done. Many people in our community and the nation did the same thing. They rose to the challenge we had been given, and we got through it. In some ways, we were better after we worked through the difficult times.

As you ponder these events, I would also encourage you to remember how they brought us together as a country. People seemed to be more

willing to help fellow citizens, they were more willing to respect the differences that naturally occur in a population, and we were all working together for the common good of our community and country. It is the differences that actually make us stronger and better if we can see things with a proper perspective and learn from others. We should always try to be curious, and seek to understand and respect other individuals' perspectives. As we remember the events of September 11th, let us make a resolve to return to the unity we experienced after the event.

The terror attacks directly took the lives of 343 Fire/Ems providers and 71 police officers who gave the ultimate selfless sacrifice to their community and the nation as they ran towards danger. Many more have experienced long-term trauma and health effects from the event and their families have been changed forever. Many members of the military have also experienced a tremendous loss as a result of their efforts to keep us safe. We should never forget the sacrifices that are made to keep us and our families safe.

American Fork 2021 Elections

The 2021 American Fork City General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2021. This year, the citizens of American Fork will vote for Mayor and two Council Members. Additionally, there will be an opinion question on the ballot as to whether or not the city should continue to enact a local sales and use tax of one-tenth (1/10) of one percent (1%) to fund cultural arts facilities and programs and recreational facilities in American Fork (PARC Tax).

A Voter Information Pamphlet will be available shortly for information on the PARC Tax opinion question (**Proposition 5**). Information on our current PARC Tax can be found at: www.afparc.org

Candidate profiles for Mayor and for Council Member can be found at americanfork.gov/elections. The Candidates are listed in order as per the 2021-2021 master ballot position list as required by Utah State Code. For additional information, contact the recorder's office at 801-763-3000.

16TH ANNUAL CAREGIVER CONFERENCE

Finding Joy in the Journey
Caring for a senior loved one

Join us for a **FREE** virtual conference
for caregivers of a senior loved one.

Discover ways to find moments of joy through the challenges of caregiving. This conference will be held via Zoom. Join us for the whole day or for any sessions that you are interested in.

Sat, Nov 6 | 9:30 AM - 4 PM

Register now:
mountainland.org/cgconference

AMERICAN FORK FIRE AND RESCUE OPEN HOUSE



American Fork Fire and Rescue will be opening up our doors once again for our annual open house! Come enjoy games, a full tour of the station and vehicles, and so much more!

October 7th
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

AMERICAN FORK FIRE STATION
96 N. Center St. American Fork

KNOW THE CODE: PETS

In this section we will be discussing specific parts of the city code that are useful for residents to know. This month's topic will be animals, specifically pets.

TITLE 6: ANIMALS

Title 6 of the City Municipal Code deals with animals and includes sections for keeping bees or chickens (but not roosters), owning wild or exotic animals, or managing a dog or cat run. Below focuses on Chapter 4, Animal Control.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Dogs must be always on a leash when not within an enclosed private property. Sec 6.04.090. This includes regular city parks.

Animals cannot unreasonably disturb the public's peace and quiet by emanating excessive, continuous, or untimely noise, as defined in Sec 6.04.180

With only a few exceptions, the owner of any dog shall obtain a license for the animal within thirty days after the dog reaches the age of four months, or, in the case of a dog over four months, within ten days of the acquisition of the dog. Licenses must be renewed annually. Sec 6.04.050

You may license your pet at the City offices, the North Utah Valley Animal Shelter, or certain veterinary clinics. The cost for licensing ranges from \$15 to \$95 per year. Failure to



license will result in a citation or possibly impounding of the dog.

While there is nothing in the animal section regarding waste control, in Title 12; Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places, it states it is unlawful on streets, sidewalks and public places to litter various items, including refuse matter. This means the owner of an animal is responsible to pick up any waste their pet produces. Sec 12.12.090

The owner shall attach a rabies tag to a collar or harness for the animal and shall see to it that the collar and the tag is constantly worn. Failure to attach the tag as provided shall constitute a violation, which includes a mandatory court appearance. Development Code. Sec 6.04.060

For questions regarding animal issues, you may contact the City Code Enforcement Officer at 801-763-3020.

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AMERICAN FORK MAYORAL AND CITY COUNCIL DEBATES

Thursday, October 7

American Fork Senior Center

- Meet & Greet the Candidates: 6:00-7:00pm
- City Council Debate: 7:00-7:45pm
- Mayoral Debate: 8:00-8:45pm



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